

## CROWN PRINCE SENDS OUT DISTRESS CRY FROM VERDUN ZONE

Heavy Reinforcements Taken From Somme  
Offense in Order to Stay Swift  
French Advance

### CERNAVODA CAPTURED BY GEN. MACKENSEN

Russo-Romanian Army Flees Before Victorious  
Teuton Forces Surrendering  
Great Tassalava Lake Region

By United Press.

Paris, Oct. 25.—German reinforcements are being rushed to the Verdun front to meet the new French offensive, according to advices from the front today.

In response to the appeal of the German crown prince for help, the Teutons are shifting regiments from the Somme region back to the Verdun front.

The lightning stroke delivered by Gen. Nivelle northwest of Verdun yesterday served the two-fold purpose of removing the German menace at Verdun and halting the massing of a huge German army for a counter attack on the Somme front.

In the fighting yesterday the Germans were thrown back two miles, the nearest point to Verdun which they now hold being two miles distant from the French stronghold.

Rumanians Retreat.

By United Press.  
Berlin, Oct. 25.—The Rumanians have evacuated Constanza and have retreated nearly twenty miles, falling back steadily toward the Danube, according to official dispatches today.

Reports indicate that the Rumanians are forming their lines in a semi-circle with the ends resting on the Danube, for a stubborn defense of the Cernavoda bridgehead. The whole Black sea front north of Constanza is being evacuated.

Cernavoda Falls.

By United Press.  
Berlin, Oct. 25.—Gen. Mackensen captured Cernavoda, the eastern terminus of the fourteen mile railroad bridge, crossing the Danube into Rumania, this morning.

The taking of this point is regarded as more important than the capture of Constanza three days ago.

Surrender Admitted.

By United Press.  
Petrograd, Oct. 25.—The Russo-Rumanians abandoned Cernavoda, it was officially admitted today. The Tassalava lake region was also surrendered to the enemy, the Russo-Rumanian army retreating northward.

## DAVIS TO SPEAK IN GRADY CO.

Judge Preston Davis, of Vinita, recognized as one of the most eloquent orators in Oklahoma, will spend Thursday and Friday in Grady county, speaking in behalf of Woodrow Wilson and the Democratic ticket.

On the east side of the state Judge Davis has been prominent in public life for many years and has a large following of personal admirers.

Judge Davis will speak at Minco at 8 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and at Pocomet at 7:30 o'clock. On Friday he will talk to the people of Verdun at 3 o'clock and at 8 p. m. he will speak in Chickasha at the court house.

SELLS \$8500 FARM

E. L. Persons has sold two hundred and eighteen acres of bottom land close to Alex to G. A. Todd for \$8,500. The sale was made by Major Bros.

## EXPLOSION MISSES CROWDED SUB TRAIN

By United Press.

New York, Oct. 25.—An explosion in the subway at Lenox avenue and 110th street this morning missed a crowded train by two minutes.

Two workmen were injured, some windows were broken and traffic was blocked. The police are investigating a rumor that the explosion was caused by a bomb.

## 8 MONTHS SCHOOL FOR COUNTRY

That the schools having Indian pupils for tuition will not share as liberally in the general \$275,000 Indian school fund as those which are located on Indian lands but which have no Indian pupils for which they receive ten cents per day, was the statement made yesterday afternoon by Charles Ballard, field inspector for the department, who examined the reports in the office of the county superintendent. While the entire sum asked for by Superintendent Shepard may not be granted, a sufficient sum is certain to insure to all schools east of the 98th meridian, which asked for money, an eight months school.

Mr. Ballard expressed a desire to return to Grady county soon to visit some of its schools.

## FRANK FOR WOODROW

Frank Brown, one of the pioneers in Chickasha and manager of the old Crystal Ice company here for many years during which time he was one of the prominent local Republican leaders, now residing in Los Angeles, Calif., has "seen the light" and it has lead him to the Woodrow Wilson band wagon.

In a letter to a Republican friend here, received this week, Mr. Brown writes, "I fear you are going to have a Democratic president for four more years. According to my way of thinking Wilson will carry California. As for me I believe he ought to have another term."

Mr. Brown has lived in California a number of years and those who know his habits of close observation and careful study of public affairs believe he is a safe judge of public sentiment.

REVIVAL SERVICES

The revival services in the Congregational church continue with increasing interest and power. Despite the unfavorable weather, last night's attendance was good and the service was deeply spiritual.

"Rev. Alonzo Early comes to us highly recommended," said Mr. Amack, the pastor of the church, "but I hesitated to commend him too highly to my people and the people of Chickasha until I had known and heard him for myself. But after having been associated with him these few days and hearing him preach and sing the gospel, I feel that I can not too highly commend him. He is a cultured gentleman, a beautiful Christian character, a splendid preacher, and a gospel singer of unusual power and persuasiveness. But the greatest thing about the greatest preacher is the great message he brings. If you love the old story hear Mr. Early tell it. If you are unsaved and believe you have a soul to save hear this gospel which is the power of God unto salvation."

The services will continue nightly until further notice.

## CHIHUAHUA IN STATE OF SIEGE

Heavy Forces of Villistas Entrenched to  
South and West Five Miles Distant  
and Residents Panic Stricken

### CONFLICTING REPORT OF DEFACTO PURSUIT

Mexican Embassy Denies Report that  
Carranza is Preparing to Depart  
From Mexico

By United Press.

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 25.—Chihuahua City is virtually in a state of siege, according to dispatches received here this morning.

It is reported that heavy forces of Villistas are entrenched on the southern and western sides of the city about five miles from the outskirts. The residents are panic-stricken.

Villistas Pursued.

By United Press.  
El Paso, Tex., Oct. 25.—The main body of Villistas is voluntarily retreating in the direction of San Isidro west of Chihuahua City, pursued by Carrancistas, according to the latest reports brought by refugees.

Carranza Will Stick.

By United Press.  
Washington, Oct. 25.—A column of Carrancistas is moving northward from Parral to attack Villa, Gen. Funston reported today upon information received from Carranza officials.

The Mexican embassy brands as "pure invention" reports that Carranza is preparing to withdraw as the leader of the de facto government and perhaps leave Mexico.

## FATHER OF SUICIDE IS LOCATED

Remains of Myrtle Mason Will Be Held  
Here Pending Correspondence With  
Parents by Mail

Claycomb & Anderson have succeeded in locating T. Mason of Horse Cave, Ky., the father of Miss Myrtle Mason, who committed suicide Monday evening at the Model Rooms, 120 1/2 North Third street.

Many clues were followed yesterday in an effort to locate some one who was a relative or had any knowledge of the girl's people, but not until this morning was her father located. The mother of the girl is dead, and so far as can be learned the father is the only living relative. The body will be held at Claycomb and Anderson's undertaking parlor until instructions are received from Mr. Mason by mail.

## MORE HELP TO ELECT WOODROW

Several more citizens dropped their coin into the basket today to help elect Woodrow Wilson. The National Democratic committee is calling loudly for funds and the Express is authorized to receive donations in any amount. The campaign is drawing to a close and prompt action is necessary. The following contributions were received today:

Thad Turner, Chickasha, \$2.00  
W. H. Cook, Chickasha, 1.00  
J. A. Slaton, Chickasha, 1.00  
J. B. Burton, Chickasha, 1.00  
Cash, 1.00  
Previously reported:  
F. M. Lugenbyhl, Chickasha, \$1.00  
J. C. Driggers, Chickasha, 1.00

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.  
Tonight, fair; continued cool with frost.  
Thursday, fair.  
Local Temperature.  
Maximum, 61; minimum, 36.  
Rainfall for 24 hours ending 8 a. m., .33 inch.

## NEWTON ON STAND IN DEFENSE

Former Cashier of First State Bank Tells  
Why He Did Not Forward Money to  
Secure Title to Bentley Land

Admitting that he had transferred two items from the bank to his personal account W. A. Newton, former cashier of the First State bank of Rush Springs, who is on trial on the charge of embezzlement, on the stand today, explained that these transactions were made because of the season in which they occurred being a period when banks were being called on heavily for loans and he did not want the money to go out.

Newton took the stand yesterday afternoon after the defense had rested and undertook to explain in the Bentley item of \$1054.11, saying he did not transmit that sum to the Indian agency and secure the patent on the lands involved, first for the reason that it was the borrowing time of the year and that the bank needed the money; second, for the reason that if the patent had been secured on the land the land would have become immediately detachable. He admitted that he had transferred this sum to his own personal account in trust to pay for this land but that subsequently he had checked it out. He claimed to have had no knowledge as to the books showing his account to be credited with the \$2500 item of date of March 15, 1915, or that on the same date the Interstate National bank of Kansas City was debited or charged with a similar amount. He had checked on his personal account, he said, to the extent of \$1000 on May 3, 1915, which would have overdrawn his personal account had it not been for the \$1054.11 and \$2500 items. He admitted that the account would have been overdrawn \$2900 on that date had it not been credited with such items.

Newton claimed not to have heard about the credit of the \$2500 item to his personal account until July, 1915. He admitted that his account was overdrawn three cents on August 1.

Mr. Newton was on the stand a large part of the day in cross examination.

## GAS STRIKE AT LINDSAY

Special to the Express.  
Lindsay, Okla., Oct. 25.—A farmer living in the vicinity of the test well which the Santa Fe company is drilling in section 24 about nine miles southwest of this place, brought to town the report that a gas flow estimated at one million cubic feet had been encountered by the driller this morning. Thus far there has been no further information in regard to the report.

The Santa Fe well is now about 600 feet deep. A number of Lindsay people have gone to the field to investigate. Several other tests are being drilled in this section.

J. A. Slaton, Rush Springs, 1.00  
W. W. Horne, Chickasha, 1.00  
H. P. Ellis, Chickasha, 1.00  
D. C. Newman, Chickasha, 1.00  
W. S. Kilgore, Chickasha, 1.00  
Drew May, Purcell, \$1.00  
E. S. Burney, Chickasha, 1.00  
Geo. G. Calvert, Chickasha, 1.00  
J. G. Mays, Chickasha, 1.00  
T. P. Moore, Chickasha, 1.00  
F. J. Gamble, Chickasha, 1.00  
A. A. Holmes, Chickasha, 1.00  
G. W. Barefoot, Chickasha, 1.00

## GIRL ASKS TO LEAVE MOTHER

Orlene Leeds Leaves O. C. W. Without  
Knowledge of Mrs. Leeds and Files  
Petition in Court

### FORCED TO REVEAL CHILD'S WHEREABOUTS

Wants to Return to Custody of Dr. Leeds,  
Her Father, and Makes Charges  
Denied by Mother

In open court today the whereabouts of Orlene Leeds, daughter of Dr. A. B. Leeds and of Mrs. Ethel Cates Leeds, to whom custody had been given by the court, were made known to the mother of the child. Judge Linn instructed the girl's next friend, T. R. Trawick, to acquaint the mother and Judge E. Hamilton, her attorney, of the whereabouts of the child in order that the mother might seek an interview with her.

The case arose over the filing of a petition in the court clerk's office yesterday afternoon by Orlene Leeds, by her next friend, T. R. Trawick, reopening the old suit of Mrs. Ethel Cates Leeds vs. A. B. Leeds for modification of order awarding custody of children and providing for their support and maintenance.

In her reply the mother stated that Dr. Leeds had taken the child from the Oklahoma College for Women and had concealed her.

The hearing was set for 12:45 o'clock today before Judge Will Linn in the district court but was postponed till Friday. At the noon hour, however, it developed that the child was being cared for at the home of Mrs. Dennis O'Brien and that, after instituting the proceedings in court she was afraid to go back to her mother. Dr. Leeds stated that he had tried to dissuade his daughter from her plan to leave her mother without avail. The girl is represented by Barefoot & Carmichael.

The affidavit of Orlene Leeds, the daughter of Dr. A. B. Leeds and Mrs. Ethel Cates Leeds, shows that she is a minor, having reached her fifteenth birthday on June 27, and that in the decree of divorce granted to Mrs. Leeds on June 4, 1908, the custody of the petitioner and of her sister, Helen Virginia Leeds, was given to Mrs. Leeds and the decree ordered that Dr. Leeds pay to Mrs. Leeds the sum of \$17.50 per week for the support and maintenance of Mrs. Leeds and their two daughters. That on April 20, 1912, the original decree was modified and Dr. Leeds was required to pay \$35 per month, but the custody of the children was left with Mrs. Leeds. Orlene says she has been a faithful and obedient child and has at all times endeavored to obey the commands and respect the wishes of her mother. That she has at all times assisted with and for a long time has done practically all the house work around the home; that notwithstanding the faithful effort she has made to win and hold the respect and esteem and love of her mother the latter has not at any time shown a spark of love or affection for her and that on sundry occasions the mother became angry and without provocation had abused the daughter, sometimes twisting her with being a "Leeds," and saying she was dull and would never amount to anything and that she did not care anything about the daughter; that the acts and conduct of the plaintiff are such that the daughter cannot longer remain under the control and care of her mother and make any advancement in her studies.

Orlene further declares that under the laws of the state of Oklahoma she is entitled to select her guardian; that Dr. Leeds had been a loving and affectionate father, whom she has not been with except at rare intervals since 1908, that she loves her father, that she has within the past two weeks talked the matter over with her father who is willing to undertake her care and custody and that it is her desire that she be given to his care and the order for \$35 allowance modified accordingly.

Mrs. Ethel Cates Leeds, in reply which was filed today, declared that Dr. Leeds is now in arrears \$345 on the allowance decreed by the court which sum he refuses to pay; that for several years Mrs. Leeds has had to secure services of a lawyer to collect payments.

Mrs. Leeds admits that Orlene has been and is a faithful, obedient, lovable child and has won and holds the respect, esteem and love of the mother, that she has not at any time abused her daughter, that the latter has at no time "done practically all of the work around the home." Mrs. Leeds further declares that Dr. Leeds has at no time shown any affection or care for the said child, Orlene.

Further, the petitioner says that Dr. Leeds has undermined the affection of Orlene for her mother, has taken Orlene from the Oklahoma College for Women and has the child concealed so that this respondent has had no opportunity to talk with her and learn the cause and reasons for the filing of her said petition.

Mrs. Leeds prays that the petition of Orlene Leeds be denied, that she be restored to the care, custody and love of her mother and that Dr. Leeds be immediately required to pay the sum of \$345 he is now in arrears and the costs and an attorneys fee of \$50.

Judge E. Hamilton is representing Mrs. Leeds while Barefoot and Carmichael are the opposing attorneys.

Approximately \$6,000,000 has already been paid out to Indians under the per capita clause, which covers practically the money due to all live claimants.

This information was given to the Daily Express yesterday afternoon by W. A. Baker, special disbursing agent for the Five Civilized Tribes, with headquarters at Muskogee, who is here as a witness in the Newton case.

Within two weeks the payment of "dead claims" will be begun, involving the distribution of another \$2,500,000. These claims, justified by heirs, executors and guardians, are now under investigation in the probate courts of the counties concerned, and at the termination of these researches and the approval of claims by the federal probate attorney payment will begin.

Of the live claims only such of those as are unpaid as were not properly filed.

Mr. Baker stated that his department carries a deposit of about \$200,000 in individual Indian accounts in three banks in Chickasha.

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## COTTON GOES TO CIVIL WAR PRICES

Sensational Soar of Staple on New York  
Market Today to \$20.01 for May,  
\$19.98 for July

### SELECTED GRADES OF CASH WHEAT BRING \$2

Market Continues to Climb Toward \$2  
Mark With December Up Three and  
a Quarter Points to \$1.83 1-2

By United Press.

New York, Oct. 25.—The cotton market today passed the 20 cent mark for the first time since the Civil war.

May was up twenty-two points, reaching \$20.01 before noon and July was up eighteen points, going to \$19.98 by the same hour. Gains of from one to twenty-four points were recorded during the first fifteen minutes after the opening of the market.

The government report on ginnings was half a million bales below private figures and this factor brought about heavy buying.

Government Report.

By United Press.  
Washington, Oct. 25.—According to the government report issued today, 7,291,733 bales of cotton, counting round bales as half bales, were ginned from the 1916 crop prior to October 18, compared with 5,708,739 on the same date last year.

Wheat Still Climbing.

By United Press.  
Chicago, Oct. 25.—The wheat market continued to climb toward the two dollar mark today.

December was up three and a half points, going to \$1.83 1-2 before noon. May was up three and a quarter points, going to \$1.83 1-4.

Selected grades of cash wheat are already selling at two dollars.

## TEACHERS' EXAMS. AT CITY HALL

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## WORST SEA FIGHTER'S KEEL LAID

Superdreadnaught California, First Electric  
Power Battleship, to Be Most Powerful  
Warship Afloat

By United Press.  
Mare Island Navy Yard, Calif., Oct. 25.—The keel of the superdreadnaught California, the first electric power battleship, was laid at noon today.

This battleship will have a displacement of two thousand three hundred tons and it will be the most powerful vessel afloat. It will be launched in January, 1919.

## PAYS \$5,000 FOR HOME

J. W. Marshall has bought the five room modern house on Tenth and Minnesota, and will occupy it at once. The property belonged to Mrs. W. O. Long of Tahler. The sale was made by Major Bros., the consideration being \$5,000.

## RELEASED FROM JAIL

Clyde Cooper, who was sentenced to thirty days in jail and to pay a fine of \$25 for the theft of a shotgun at Rush Springs, was released from the county jail yesterday on the payment of the fine and costs, his term having expired. The fine was paid by his father who arrived here from Marlow.

## ADJUDGED INSANE

Ollie G. Dobbs of Rush Springs was adjudged insane yesterday afternoon in the county court and ordered to be sent to Norman.